

L'Ecole N° 41

2007 recess red Columbia Valley Appellation

Released: November 2008

Variety: 50% Merlot, 25% Syrah, 16% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot,
3% Cabernet Franc

Time for

Recess!:

After the last bell of the day has rung and work is put away, everyone needs to take time to relax and enjoy life's treasures. We have the perfect wine for these moments, Recess Red. You are never too old for Recess!

Winemaker

Comments:

"This hearty red wine is in part comprised of the hard press fractions of each of our vineyard lots, including some of our best vineyard sites. As a result, many customers view this table wine as the 'bargain' from L'Ecole N° 41 (formerly known in the Pacific Northwest as Schoolhouse Red)."

Harvest:

If consistency is the earmark for a great vintage, 2007 should prove its strength. With typical cool spring conditions, bud break commenced around mid-April. We saw normal shoot length growth in May with exceptional weather during bloom. Summer hot spells were limited, producing an even, uniform development. Yields were near or slightly under target tons per acre. With the onset of veraison, fall temperatures moderated, producing one of the best ripening years (lots of warm sunny days, cool nights, and no rain). This consistency compressed the typical harvest period into a tight six week scramble, with our final fruit harvested in mid-October, just before some early fall rains.

Technical:

Bottled 3,878 cases on June 14th and 15th, 2008; pH 3.70, acid 0.62 g/100ml, 14.1% alcohol by volume, <0.2% residual sugar

Description:

A fun, drink-me now table wine with fruity aromas of red cherry, plum and cola. The ripe, cherry flavors and well-integrated tannins of this great food wine will have you reaching for a second glass.

Vinification:

This wine is a red table wine blend of the wines produced by L'Ecole N° 41 but not utilized in our premium blends, and typically includes the hard press fractions of each of our vineyard lots. The wine was aged 8 months in neutral French and American oak barrels.